

**Banks.****THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.**

ESTABLISHED 1880  
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ..... Yen 12,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... 9,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... 6,666,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.  
Kobe NEW YORK  
LONDON LYONS  
SAN FRANCISCO HONOLULU  
BOMBAY SHANGHAI

LONDON BANKERS:  
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.  
PARIS BANK, LD.  
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LD.

HONGKONG AGENCY—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.  
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.  
On fixed deposits for 6 months at 4 per cent.  
On fixed deposits for 3 months at 3 per cent.

S. CHOW, Agent.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1898. [382]

**THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.**

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.  
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... £800,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS ..... £800,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... £450,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.  
On Fixed Deposits for 6 months at 4 per cent.  
On Fixed Deposits for 3 months at 3 per cent.

T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1898. [11]

**THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.**

Authorized Capital ..... £1,000,000  
Paid up Capital ..... £324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—  
W. G. GILLIES, Esq.  
J. T. LAURENCE, Esq.  
Chow Tung Shing, Esq.  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.  
Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.  
Chief Manager,  
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.  
On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per cent. per annum.  
Hongkong, 30th November, 1897. [8]

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... \$10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... \$8,000,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS ..... \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:  
Hon. J. J. BELL-IRVING, Chairman.  
R. M. GRAY, Deputy Chairman.  
C. Beermann, Esq.  
David Gubbay, Esq.  
A. Hanpt, Esq.  
A. McConachie, Esq.  
A. I. Raymond, Esq.  
R. L. Richardson, Esq.  
P. Schae, Esq.  
R. Shewan, Esq.  
N. A. Sles, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:  
Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.  
MANAGER:  
Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.  
For 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.  
For 12 months, 4 1/2 per cent. per annum.  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1898. [6]

**HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.**

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST ON DEPOSITS is allowed at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.  
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 1st August, 1898. [10]

**Entertainment.****POPULAR CONCERTS.**

MR. SYDNEY H. MORSE.  
(Pupil of Mr. T. V. TWINNING.)  
with kind assistance of several Lady and Gentleman Amateurs, will give a series of Concerts on the following dates:—

MONDAY, August 15th, at 5.30 P.M.;  
at the  
ST. ANDREW'S HALL.

THURSDAY, August 18th, at 9 P.M.;  
at the  
PEAK HOTEL.

MONDAY, August 22nd, at 5.30 P.M.;  
at the  
ST. ANDREW'S HALL.

THURSDAY, August 25th, at 9 P.M.;  
at the  
PEAK HOTEL.

THURSDAY, Sept. 1st, at 5.30 P.M.;  
at the  
ST. ANDREW'S HALL.

MONDAY, September 5th, at 9 P.M.;  
at the  
ST. ANDREW'S HALL.

TICKETS can be obtained at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., the HONGKONG HOTEL and the PEAK HOTEL. PRICE \$2 each, or \$10 for a set of 6 tickets, available for all or any of the above dates.  
T. V. TWINNING.  
Hongkong, 11th August, 1898. [968]

**Intimations.****PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS  
JAPAN, &c. .... T. H. Hide, R.N.R. .... Daylight, 14th August. Freight only.  
JAPAN, &c. .... Mantle\* ..... R. L. Haddock, R.N.R. About 19th August. Freight or Passage.  
SHANGHAI, &c. .... Mantle\* ..... A. Symons ..... About 19th August. Freight or Passage.  
LONDON, &c. .... Parramatta\* ..... C. F. Preston ..... Noon, 20th August. Freight or Passage.  
JAPAN, &c. .... Rosetta\* ..... E. P. Bishop ..... 6 P.M., 20th August. Freight or Passage.  
LONDON, &c. .... Japan ..... T. Leigh ..... About 20th August. Freight or Passage.

\* (Passing through the Inland Sea).

† (See Special Advertisement).

For Further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 13th August, 1898. [5]

## CURRY

AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TRY THE

F. B. HALL &amp; CO.



BASS' ALE ..... Per Cask of 8 Doz. Pints. \$22  
GUINNESS'S STOUT ..... do. \$22

SOLE AGENTS:—

**H. PRICE & CO.**

12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

**"HORSE HEAD" BRAND.**

BASS' PALE ALE ..... Guaranteed to be  
GUINNESS'S EXTRA FOREIGN } the Best Quality  
STOUT ..... brewed

BOTTLED IN LONDON.

The Bottles bear BASS & Co.'s and ARTH. GUINNESS, SONS & Co.'s  
Labels, respectively.

EVERY BOTTLE GUARANTEED IN GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION.

**CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,**

Wine and Spirit Merchants.

15, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 22nd July, 1898. [15]

**THE**

## CLUB HOTEL, LIMITED.

No. 5-B, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL Centrally situated, well furnished and  
supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines.

The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all  
Mail Steamers.

Special attention paid to the Comfort of Visitors.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager,

Yokohama, 1st October, 1897. [36]

TO CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS.

## W. POWELL & CO.

HAVE A LARGE STOCK OF  
**FIRE GRATES**

WITH AND WITHOUT TILES.

Hongkong, 25th July, 1898. [17]

**Intimations.****UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.**

SOLE AGENTS IN

HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

FOR THE

**UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON,**  
CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.

MANUFACTURERS OF THE

Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS AND PACKINGS.

HYDRAULIC AND SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS of all kinds.

"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.

ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best quantities.

ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

SUPERINTENDENT: THOS. SKINNER.

DODWELL CARLILL &amp; Co., General Agents.

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## PEAK HOTEL.

1350 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL adjoining the Tramway Terminus. FINE HEALTHY LOCATION.  
Commanding Magnificent View of the City and Harbour, the Mainland of China, and  
numerous Islands. Cool southerly breezes in Summer, with perfect protection against the North-  
East winds in winter.

Well appointed rooms, attentive service and excellent Cuisine.

J. MARCESSE, Chef de Cuisine.

GEO. J. CASANOVA,

Manager.

CRAIGIEBURN is now open, for terms apply to

MANAGER, PEAK HOTEL.

CITY OFFICE, No. 7, Duddell Street.

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**THE PHARMACY.**

HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE SOLE

MANUFACTURERS OF

**WHITE HEATHER BOUQUET.**

Sole Agents for VIN PASTEUR the great French Nerve Tonic.

Also Sole Agents for the new well-known JAPANESE TABLE WATER

TAN SAN.

FLETCHER &amp; CO.

and  
CARMICHAEL & CO.

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**EGYPTIAN****LOOFAHS**

WATKINS' MOSQUITO LOTION

CORDIALS

BATHING CAPS

SYRUPS

WATKINS' BATH

SPONGES

SPONGE BAGS

FILTRES

PRICKLY HEAT LOTION

**CHAMPAGNE.**

G. H. MUMF &amp; Co. 1 doz. quarts. 1 doz. plate

\$35.50 \$37.50

**WHISKY.**

DEWAR'S "IMPERIAL INSTITUTE" 1 doz. bottle. \$10.50

MCCREADIE'S "SPECIALLY SELECTED" 10.50

**PORT WINE.**

GUEDES "3 GRAPE" BRAND 1 doz. bottle. \$24.00

SHEWAN, TOMES &amp; Co., Agents.

Praya Central.

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**ROBERTSON SANDERSON & CO., LIMITED.**

LEITH.

**CELEBRATED SCOTCH WHISKIES.**

(1)

Per Case.

"GLENLEITH" BRAND ..... \$10

"SECOND TO NONE" ..... 12

"MOUNTAIN DEW" ..... 12

LIQUEUR WHISKY ..... 15

All the above brands we guarantee to be pure Malt Whiskies. The differences in price are  
regulated by the age of the Whisky. The "Second to None" "Mountain Dew" and Liqueur  
Whisky are all over ten years old.

Sole agents for Hongkong and Southern Ports of China.

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,**

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1898. [661]

**CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.****NOTICE.**

IN accordance with the provisions of No. 121  
of the Articles of Association the General  
Agents have this day declared an INTERIM  
DIVIDEND of 5 PER CENT for the half year  
ending 15th June, 1898, on the PAID-UP  
CAPITAL of the Company.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS PAYABLE on  
FRIDAY, the 26th August, will be issued to  
Shareholders.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from 17th to 26th instant both  
days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1898. [669]

**THE HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING, WEAVING AND DYEING CO., LIMITED.****NOTICE.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND  
INSTALLMENT of \$30 per SHARE  
on the share in the above Company become due  
on the Eighteenth day of August next, and  
PAYMENT thereof must be made to the  
BANKERS of the Company, viz., the HONGKONG  
AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on or  
before that date.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th July, 1898. [875]

**Intimations.****HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.****NOTICE.**

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will  
be held at the COMPANY'S HOTEL on THURS-  
DAY, the 18th August, at NOON, for the  
purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts  
of the Company to the 30th June, 1898, with  
the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any  
matters that may be competently brought before  
the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 18th  
August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MOONEY,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1898. [914]

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.****NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEET-  
ING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held  
in the Offices of Company No. 14, Praya  
Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd August at 12  
o'clock, NOON, for the purpose of receiving the  
Report of the Directors and the Statement of  
Accounts to the 30th June, 1898.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 8th to 22nd August  
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

THOS. I. ROSE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1898. [916]

**GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING CO., LIMITED.****NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

NOTICE is hereby given that a SECOND  
and FINAL CALL of ONE DOLLAR  
and FIFTY CENTS (\$1.50) per Share has been  
made in respect of the Shares in the above-  
named Company not fully paid up and that such  
call is PAYABLE on the First day of Septem-  
ber next to the Company's Bankers, THE  
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING COR-  
PORATION, Hongkong.

FULLY PAID-UP SHARE CERTIFI-  
CATES will be given in exchange for the  
Provisional Scrip and Receipt for the Call at  
present in circulation.

LUTGENS, EINSMANN & CO.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1898. [923]

**GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.**

EXHIBITORS desirous of taking part in the  
Paris Exhibition of 1900 are requested to  
communicate before the 15th instant with the  
Undersigned, from whom particulars may be  
obtained.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 9th August, 1898. [961]**KUHN & KOMOR,**

JAPANESE FINE ART CURIOS,

21 &amp; 23, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG,

35, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA

and

16, DIVISION STREET, KORE.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1896. [24]

**INSURANCES.****NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.**

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above  
Company are prepared to accept First  
CLASS FOREIGN AND CHINESE RISKS at  
CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN &amp; Co.,

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [18]

**GENERAL NOTICE.****THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)**

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } \$233,333.33

EQUAL TO ..... \$233,333.33

RESERVE FUND ..... \$318,000.00

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

LAE SING, Esq. LO YUEN MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the  
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 &amp; 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1896. [29]

**NOTICE.****THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,  
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1900. [30]

**Notice of Firm.****THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.****NOTICE.**

FROM this date during the absence of Mr.  
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE from the Colony,  
Mr. GEO. L. TOMLIN has been appointed  
ACTING SECRETARY to the Company.

N. A. SIEBS,  
Chairman.

Hongkong, 20th July, 1898. [824]



## Today's Advertisements.

### THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the STATUTORY MEETING of the "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED will be held at the OFFICES of the Company No. 4, Praya Central, Victoria Hongkong on MONDAY, the 15th day of August, 1898, at Noon.

By Order,  
EDWARD OSBORNE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 13th August, 1898. [973]

### HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half Year ending 30th June last at the rate of ONE POUND AND FIVE SHILLINGS STG. per SHARE of £125 is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 15th day of August current at the OFFICES of the Corporation, where SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 13th August, 1898. [978]

### VICTORIA ENGLISH SCHOOLS.

CHAIKINGWATER, CAINE ROAD.

THESE SCHOOLS will be RE-OPENED for the New Term on MONDAY, the 15th instant.

For Prospectus, &c., apply  
HEAD MASTER,  
Hongkong, 13th August, 1898. [976]

### ROOMS WANTED.

THREE FURNISHED or Unfurnished good locality.

Apply Rooms  
"DAILY TELEGRAPH."  
Hongkong, 13th August, 1898. [977]

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(Taking through Cargo for WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

"DIOMED,"

Captain Bartlett, will be despatched at above on MONDAY, the 15th instant, at Noon.

For Freight, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 13th August, 1898. [931]

### DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN,"

Captain Hodgkin, will be despatched for the above Ports, on MONDAY, the 15th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 13th August, 1898. [970]

### "BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"BENEDI,"

Captain Farquhar, will be despatched at above on or about the 16th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 13th August, 1898. [931]

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

THE Company's Steamship

"DEUCALION,"

Captain Branch, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 17th instant, at Noon.

For Freight, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 13th August, 1898. [966]

### CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIWAN,"

Captain Farrier, will be despatched at above on THURSDAY, the 19th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 13th August, 1898. [974]

### CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

THE Company's Steamship

"KWEIYANG,"

Captain Outerbridge, will be despatched at above on FRIDAY, the 19th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 13th August, 1898. [975]

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"PESHAWUR,"

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 10th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 13th August, 1898. [1-1]

## Intimations.

### DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG.

### AERATED WATERS.

#### SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

#### SODA WATER.

#### LEMONADE.

#### GINGER ALE.

#### SARSAPARILLA.

#### RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures. Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEN'S and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [30]

### TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

### A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

MANUFACTURERS OF

### AERATED WATERS.

ABSOLUTE PURITY is guaranteed.

The best materials only are used.

THE PRICES are only half those charged in England.

WATERS MANUFACTURED BY US are acknowledged by the leading English makers to be equal to those of their own production.

SIR EDWARD FRANKLAND, K.C.B., D.O.L., F.R.S., F.C.S., &c. the greatest living authority on Water, reports as follows on the water as prepared and used by us in our manufacture:—

"It possesses an extremely high degree of organic purity and is of most excellent quality for drinking."

### A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 18th June, 1898. [7]

### The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1898.

### IS BRITAIN BLUFFED?

Does the Reuter's telegram which we publish to-day mean that Great Britain intends to abandon China? What does Mr. Balfour imply by his statement that "we could not anticipate maintaining our old relative superiority in China"? That Great Britain is threatened with a coalition of three great powers there can be no possible manner of doubt, for France is anxious to obtain the ascendancy in Kwangtung and Kwangsi, Germany evidently looks upon Shanghai as her own particular preserve and Russia appears to be desirous of pushing her boundaries southwards until she comes in contact with France. In fact it appears as though pressure were about to be applied from both sides with the object of forcing Great Britain completely out of China in the same manner as one squeezes the juice from a grape. Russia has already shown her hand by opposing British railway concessions upon every possible occasion and by threatening China with various pains and penalties should she fail to grant every demand put forward by Russia. The reorganization of the Chinese army and navy has also been objected to by Russia and it is abundantly evident that British influence in China is to be done away with at all costs.

Mr. Balfour says that he sees no reason to take a pessimistic view with regard to Russia and that he would be surprised if English concessionaires did not obtain their full share. Such a statement may be very well in its way for allaying the fears of the British public, but the surprise of a statesman will not be fancy the sufficient compensation for the loss of concessions, which by the maintenance of a

bold front might have been saved to those seeking them.

Mr. Balfour also says that the question of trade is distinct from the question of concessions and that no evidence exists of an intention to erect barriers against British goods. A railway concession cannot certainly be classed as goods, but the granting of such a concession would mean that the railway would be constructed with British capital, the rails and rolling stock would be British and the opening up of the country by British enterprise would necessarily mean a greater outlet for British manufactures than if the railway were constructed and controlled by another Power. If no intention has been shown to erect barriers against British goods, how does Mr. Balfour account for the fact that prohibitive tariffs are enforced against them in Tonkin and Russian ports while French and Russian goods are granted entry at favourable rates? We who are upon the spot are well aware that once Russia becomes paramount in China the door will be rigorously closed to British commerce, and it therefore behoves us to impress upon the British public the urgent necessity for a strong stand being made for our rights.

Our legislators do not appear to have grasped the fact that there is little if any difference between Russian and Chinese promises. Russia takes some action to which Britain is forced to object and a diplomatic protest is made. To this Russia makes a diplomatic reply stating that the matter shall be attended to, or that we are labouring under a delusion and that no such action had even been contemplated, and there the matter is allowed to drop; but all the same it invariably turns out that Russia has quietly gained her point and British interests suffer in consequence. We do not want an assurance from Mr. Balfour that no evidence of any intention to erect barriers against British goods exists, but we wish to be assured that such intentions shall not be allowed to arise. It is far easier to keep the door open than to reopen it once it has been slammed in our faces and we would rather see one little wedge driven to ensure its remaining open than have any amount of assurances from Mr. Balfour, or any other statesman, that it was not likely to be abruptly blown to. We should like to see more firmness and less diplomacy displayed in our policy as regards the Far East.

At the Supreme Court to-day before their Lordships the Chief Justice (Sir J. W. Carrington), Chief Justice and Mr. A. G. Wise (Pulver Judge) an appeal case was heard in which Tsai Heung Po and Tsai Cheong appealed against a judgment given in the court below on a judgment given against them for \$5,279.60 on a promissory note to Li Shim. Their lordships went through the matter at length and the appeal was dismissed. Mr. Pollock (instructed by Mr. Hastings appeared for appellants) and Mr. Slade (instructed by Mr. Ewens) appeared for respondent.

It is stated that a clock of the alarm per session, which really deserves its name, has been recently made in France. When the fatal hour arrives an insomniac germ is released from a little box in which it is confined, falls on the sleeper, wakes him up, and does not allow him to go to sleep again. We regret to say no details are given regarding the substance the germ is fed on, whether it is its impact on the sleeper that arouses him, whether it is chained to the box in which it is usually confined, or if the wide-awake has to hunt for it. The picture it conjures up is somewhat awe-inspiring.

A correspondent of the *Newspaper* on the West Coast of Sumatra writes that at present the Volcanic Mount can be seen through out thick clouds of smoke. "Ancient days" say that a probability exists of our soon getting an eruption; of that is so remains to be seen, according to others, [the *Newspaper* correspondent is a cautious man]. Anyhow, some officers who last Sunday took a trip to the crater, declare that it is impossible to stay up there on account of the heavy sulphur fumes rising from the crater. If you are there you must remain about 500 metres from the opening, which is about 300 metres in circumference.

An important well closing prosecution case has been instituted at Penang, and our Straits contemporary says:—An interesting feature in the case is that, while the Municipal Health Officer has certified that the water from the well in question is unfit for human consumption or for domestic purposes, and that therefore it is injurious to health and a nuisance within the meaning of the Municipal Ordinance, it is alleged that another eminent M. D. of this town is of a different opinion, and will appear to give evidence accordingly. The interest in the matter is accentuated by the fact that the defendant will be represented by a Penang firm, of which one of the members was, and one is now, a Municipal Commissioner.

THE Bangkok-Singapore cattle trade has not quite revived from the effects of the maderpest. This disease has been entirely stamped out—a very creditable thing to do within a period of 10 months since it broke out, especially without a trained staff of veterinary officers in the interior. The officials to the interior, however, carried out the platted instructions sent them from Bangkok with seal and activity. The result of the large number of deaths is the increase of prices, and as Singapore contractors cannot afford to pay large prices the trade is still very slack. About a thousand bullocks, however, still find their way to Singapore, while the market there is replenished from the Siamese Malay States, where there is a good class of cattle easily obtained at this time of the year.

SOME interesting adventures, as a consequence of the recent floods, are reported from Peshawar. One gentleman, who went there from Tientsin for two days, was kept eight days before he could leave of a train going back. He started for the station, but between Peshawar and the railway there were two gullies to be negotiated and there were full of water. He stepped to the single, holding his dispatches in his mouth, and swam for it, leaving the rest of his clothes to be brought by his boy and cooler; but they were afraid to follow him and returned to Peshawar with his clothes, somewhat to the alarm of the friends he had just left. He arrived all right at the station with nothing on but his singlet, but luckily the particular train that he caught had an English engine-driver, who lent him a pair of trousers. The train started and went on slowly till it came to a place where the water was four feet deep, and as there was so much water that the fire would have been put out if it had gone on, the train put back to Shanhaikwan, where the passengers had to wait two days before they could make another start for Tientsin.

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## REUTER'S MESSAGES.

### GREAT BRITAIN IN CHINA.

LONDON, August 11th.

Sir Charles Dilke, who raised a debate on China in the House of Commons, complained that Germany, Russia and France were closing their spheres while Great Britain was expected to open the door to everybody. Sir William Harcourt said that the real difficulty was in ascertaining the policy of the Government, of whose reluctance he complained. Mr. Balfour replying said, it could not be pretended that this Empire, either alone or in alliance with another Empire, could prevent the legitimate development of other Commercial or Military Empires, and although we could not anticipate maintaining our old relative superiority in China, we might expect the volume of trade to continue to increase as rapidly in the future as in the past. The question of trade was distinct from the question of concessions. No evidence existed of any intention to erect barriers against British goods. He saw no reason to take a pessimistic view with regard to Russia and he would be surprised if English concessionaires did not obtain their full share.

### BRITISH TRADE WITH CHINA.

Charles Baresford goes to Hongkong and thence to Peking.

### LORD SALISBURY.

Lord Salisbury has gone to Connaughtville.

### WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report to-day says:—On the 13th at 8 a.m.: Black South Cone hoisted. At 10.35 a.m. The typhoon seems to be situated about 150 miles to the S. E. of Hongkong, moving W. N. W. FORECAST:—N. E. to S. E. winds strong, possibly a gale; squally with rain.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Powerful* arrived to-day from the North.

Two unlicensed metal dealers from West Street were to-day fined \$25 each.

Washing sheets in a public watercourse cost a cooile to-day \$3 or 4 or ten days' goal.

For the unlawful possession of 150 cattle of coal a boatman was to-day fined \$15 or six weeks.

A MEETING of the Legislative Council will be held at the Council Chamber at 4 p.m. on Monday next.

THE *Asahi* asserts that there are at present 25,000 Russian soldiers stationed in Port Arthur and that the port is guarded by two Russian men-of-war in the harbor and by three others lying at anchor at the entrance to the harbor.

A WOMAN in charge of a junk from Hailong was to-day fined \$30 or 6 weeks for cruelty to pigs. Some of the animals were so crowded that their entrails were squeezed out. P.C. Moore prosecuted and a fine of \$30 in default 6 weeks was inflicted.

GEORGE STEWART, a sailor was to-day put to goal for two months "hard" for demanding the Supt. of the Sailors' Home of \$31.30. It was an advance note the complainant cashed and as defendant did not join the ship Mr. Mohr had to stump up. The defendant got two months' hard labour.

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## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The half yearly meeting of shareholders in the above corporation was held at the City Hall at noon to-day.

The Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving presided and there were also present Messrs. R. M. Gray, D. Gubbay, A. Haupt, A. J. Raymond, A. Macdonald, P. Sachs, R. Shaw, N. A. Sles (Directors), T. Jackson, Chief Manager, Hon. C. P. Chater, V. A. C. Hawkins, A. Hancock, J. C. Pater, F. N. Firth, R. T. Wright, C. W. May, R. A. Chilton, G. Stewart, C. J. Goncalves, Yan Wal Shan, J. H. Lewis, S. S. Benjamin, Paul Jordan, C. S. Sharp, E. Geor, J. Y. V. Vernon, S. G. Bird, F. Smyth, E. Wheeler, R. K. Leigh, J. D. Holchison, Shun Kau Shio, Ho Fook, Major Gawron, D. G. Miller, G. Murray Hale, Capt. Tillett, W. Ramsey, D. D. Girdoor, J. N. Mitchell, R. C. Wilcox, Joseph, C. H. McArthur, Morris, J. M. Alves, A. P. Stokes, Sanders, C. H. Rogge, G. C. Cox, E. S. Kelly.

Mr. Jackson (Chief Manager) having read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman read the report, and said:—

"The Chairman said—Gentlemen, the Directors have the pleasure of laying before you on the present occasion a report, enabling them to pay the usual dividend of 4.5/- per share, which is a million of dollars to Reserve Fund, while \$50,000 of Property account, and carry forward \$376,000 odd to new Profit and Loss account. These figures are the outcome of an unusually prosperous half-year when almost no losses were incurred, and when everything went well with us at the Head Office and at all the Branches. Money was in strong demand, and Exchange Banking afforded unusual opportunities for making money of which this Bank took full advantage. (Applause.) We have had our London investments unchanged with the exception of a sale of £70,000 Indian 2 1/2 per cent. Sterling Loan which we intend replacing when a favourable opportunity arises. During the half-year we participated in the issue of a Chinese Loan for £16,000,000 on joint account with our German friends. (Applause.) Our share of the profit on the transaction represents a very considerable sum—(applause)—and is unappropriated, as well as the profit on the previous Loan referred to on former occasions. (Applause.) It is the intention of the Directors to deal with both the issues at the end of the present year. The idea the Directors have in view is to raise the Reserve to ten millions of dollars, and to have it all invested in first class securities standing at an ex. of 2/- say £1,000,000, said securities to be written down well under their market value as is the case with the securities at present held, and in accordance with the precedent set by home Banks. We should then be independent of the market, and the future might be a time of stress for it. We would virtually have two capitals, one, our ordinary capital say \$10,000,000 in Silver, the other our reserve of ten millions of dollars at 2/- say £1,000,000 in Gold. This may appear like counting the chickens before they are hatched—not so, we have already funds in hand to effect the desired object. (Applause.) There is another item, viz. our Property account which in times of prosperity ought to have particular attention paid to it. In addition to the usual percentage we have been and are in the habit of writing off 1/2 m. half-year to half-year we have thought it wise to write off \$350,000. Property is the one unproductive account in our Books, and the nearer it approaches to zero the better will we be pleased. I hope that at the end of the year this account will receive further attention."

MR. CHATER, in moving the resolution, said:—The Ordinance of the Hongkong Government No. 188 of 1888 the Bank was authorised to issue notes to the extent of its paid-up capital, say ten million of dollars, against which we keep first class securities with the Bank of England in the name of the Crown Agents for the Colonies for fully one third of our authorised issue, and by Ordinance we are compelled also to keep at least one third in bullion at the various places of issue; up to recently, with occasional exceptions, this limit has hitherto been sufficient for the ordinary requirements of the Bank in Hongkong and the Straits Settlements, but from January of this year the limit of ten millions has proved insufficient, and very reluctantly we had to exceed our limits from January to May. To get the circulation within prescribed limits by the 20th June caused very serious inconvenience to trade in this colony and its surrounding centres. On the gravity of the matter being placed before the Government of this Colony, with the sanction of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Ordinance was passed on the 28th July 1898. Bills and notes of the Company payable to bearer on demand may be issued and be in actual circulation to an amount in excess of the capital of the Company actually paid up; provided that there shall be previously kept at the Head Office of the Company in Hongkong to the satisfaction of the Colonial Secretary and Colonial Treasurer an amount of coin and bullion to the whole value of such excess issue. The Ordinance of 1888, which was put forward by His Excellency the Administrator of this Colony for so promptly according to our request for an elastic note circulation, instead of a fixed limit, which has recently caused such serious inconvenience and loss to all concerned. I may remark that the proposal to keep an amount of coin or bullion equal to the whole value of our excess issue emanated from us. We were so anxious to have the matter settled at once that we put forward our proposal on such liberal lines that we were convinced it would be accepted. The state of affairs in the Philippines where the Bank has considerable interests has been a source of anxiety to us of late. I am glad to say that we do not anticipate any loss whatever there. I hope that peace will soon be restored and that business may speedily flourish in those most fertile islands. To refer for a moment to the items in the balance sheet I wish to point out that Current Accounts in Silver have increased by \$3,909,973.15 during the half-year, while Fixed Deposits in Silver have decreased by \$1,198,277.17. Current Accounts in Gold have increased by \$4,475,759.88 owing to the large amount of Chinese Government money we held on the 30th April when our London half-yearly closing. Our Cash in Hand and Bills Discounted, Loans, and Credits, also show an increase from the same cause, in the latter instance we had employed in liquid advances a considerable portion of the funds temporarily in our possession. In the former case the funds not so employed were held in cash. Fixed Deposits in Gold show a slight decrease of \$5,456,117.7. Bills Payable show a decrease of \$1,457,000.44 while Bill Receivable show an increase of \$6,445,185.65, the latter a very satisfactory item showing the larger volume of Exchange business transacted. The recent industrial development in Shanghai having caused money to be in good demand there, our Banks raised their rates for fixed deposits from four to five per cent. and we deemed it necessary to act similarly. A more serious matter was the raising of the rate for fixed deposits in London from 3 1/2 to 4 per cent. At the time it looked as if there was going to be a continuance of dear money in London and on the Continent. We were afraid of deposits leaving us and our probable outward

business being checked. If we find that we are getting too much money at a 4 per cent. we can easily revert to 3 1/2 per cent. for new money lent on. In conclusion, Gentlemen, I have to remark that the prosperous and sound position to which this Bank now stands reflects the greatest credit upon the far-sighted and conscientious management of our Chief Manager, Mr. Jackson, who has received valuable co-operation from the Staff generally. Before moving the adoption I shall be happy to answer any questions.

No questions were asked.

Mr. Wheeler, in moving the motion for the adoption of the report said:—I have much pleasure in seconding the proposal. The best report ever presented to the proprietors does not need many words to ensure its adoption by them. Good as the report is, however, the information that the Chairman has just given us is even better. The report shows that the Bank is now in a position of great strength, and the proposal to keep the reserve fund of 10 million dollars, or say one million sterling securities is the one that is desirable to make that strength more absolute. With our capital of 10 millions in silver and our reserve fund of 10 millions in gold we shall not only be independent of silver but I think the Bank's credit in Europe must be largely strengthened. It is very pleasant to hear that in addition to the handsome profits which you have put before us there is still the considerable profit on two Chinese loans which it is proposed to deal with at the end of this year, so that hopes are raised that ere long it may be possible while still adding to the strength of the Bank's position to add to the usual dividend an occasional bonus. On the motion of Mr. Leigh, seconded by Mr. Holchison the appointment of Messrs. A. Macdonald and P. Sachs to the board were confirmed.

Dividend warrants will be issued on Monday.

## NOTES FROM THE NORTH.

(From our own Correspondent.)

TIENTSIN, August 11th.

I am sorry, but there is no news, and all my ingenuity is not sufficient to manufacture any here. When I say no news I of course mean in an available sense. As a matter of fact there is a great deal going on, especially in Peking. This I have been assured very emphatically by those in the "know," and the statement has been accompanied by that significant intonation of the right eye-lid intended to mark the words on your attention in italics so to speak. If anything annoys me it is that intonation of the eye-lid, and that sidelong tilt of the head suggestive of the speaker's belief in the confidential nature of what he is saying. And all the time perhaps he knows nothing! If he really did know something, and really was the recipient of state secrets one could forgive him. But you know he's not; only you can't prove it; and there is the barest possibility you know, that he may know something. Oh! its all very tantalizing and disheartening, and the only consolation is that I am not the only angler in this muddy news-pool, and do occasionally land a sprat from the same spot where someone else has fished up a mackerel. One of the things happening in Peking is Pavaloff's. He is at his old game again, cooping the railway extension toll and all, and it was whispered that he had returned to the charge in connection with the Customs paying being increased. I cannot say whether this is true or not, but certainly should not be surprised if it were. Until the Customs staff really get their pay they can certainly not be sure of it. The contract to pay it being signed, sealed, and delivered is no manner of security, as the railway accounts with the Hongkong Bank is the same, yet it may be annulled. It is not will not be Pavaloff's fault. He is moving Heaven and earth to get it, and it is whispered that Pavaloff carries a strong smell of sulphur about with him, which perhaps accounts for the milk in the cocoanut. The feeling here is one of intense curiosity to know what attitude England is going to take, and a general fear is entertained that if Pavaloff stands firm, which he will, we shan't.

MR. MACDONALD, P. A. S. Sheilds, are back from Peking, and just now visiting the Great Wall at Shanhaikwan I believe. No one seems to know precisely what their mission is, but according to common talk they are working with Mr. Deiling in some mysterious concession business. Beyond the fact that they drive a great deal in Deiling's carriage I know nothing.

## THE ILL-STARRED RAILROAD.

It is again in Tientsin, at which Tientsin is moved; not with that tender compassion which is akin to love, but to charity. Just what or where Mr. Pavaloff is going to develop into a big scheme is at present a great secret. But we live in hopes.

## MR. WILKINSON.

who has been Acting Consul at Chifu while Mr. Hopkins has been at Wei-hai-wai, has now been moved on to Wei-hai-wai for three months at least. Whether he will be established there permanently, or be subsequently brought back here is not certain. The fact is the Consul Service is just now terribly short handed, and they don't know how to distribute the men at their disposal to the best advantage. There are seven young students in Peking now I believe, and a fresh batch coming out, but none of







## Intimations.

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## PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
SADO MARU	NAGASAKI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 16th August, at 4 P.M.
KAMAKURA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	TUESDAY, 16th August, at 4 P.M.
TAMBA MARU	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 23rd August, at 4 P.M.
OMI MARU	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, KEPPEL BAY, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 26th August, at 4 P.M.
TOKIO MARU	NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	MONDAY, 29th August, at 4 P.M.
TOSA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON, NEWCASTLE and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	THURSDAY, 1st September, at 4 P.M.
SAGAMI MARU	VLADIVOSTOK, via SHANGHAI, CHEFOU, CHIENTUNG, NAGASAKI, FUSAN and GYOSAN	FRIDAY, 2nd September, at Noon.

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A. S. MIHARA.

Manager.

Hongkong, 13th August, 1898.

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## Shipping.

## STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship "CRAIGFARN," will be despatched as above on or about the 15th instant.

To be followed by S.S. "LIV" on or about 25th August. For Freight, &c., apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co. Agents.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1898. [94]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship "LIGHTNING," Captain J. G. Spence, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 16th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th August, 1898. [95]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NAGASAKI AND KOBE. THE Company's Steamship

"CENTAUR," Captain Darnley, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 16th instant, at Noon.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1898. [66]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.)

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"GISELA," Captain G. G. Mose, will leave for the above place on WEDNESDAY, the 17th instant, P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SANDER WIELER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1898. [96]

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship "SIKH," to sail about the 21st August, 1898.

S.S. "MACDUFF" about 15th Sept., 1898. S.S. "CHAZER" about 30th Sept., 1898. S.S. "LENOX" about 15th Oct., 1898.

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Hongkong, 3rd August, 1898. [72]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND LAUNCESTON.

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"CHINGTU," Captain Moore, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 17th instant, at 3 P.M.

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Hongkong, 12th August, 1898. [97]

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FOR NEW YORK.

THE "A" Norwegian Bark "PRINCE ARTHUR," Captain Olsen, having arrived will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

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Hongkong, 12th July, 1898. [88]

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Hongkong, 14th July, 1898. [744]

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Hongkong, 11th August, 1898. [12]

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Bramar | 3,011 | E. Porter | Aug. 15.  
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Hongkong, 8th August, 1898. [1]

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(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

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Prinsessen | Wednesday | 14th Sept.  
Darmstadt | Wednesday | 12th Oct.  
Sachsen | Wednesday | 9th Nov.  
Bayern | Wednesday | 7th Dec.

Prins Heinrich | Wednesday | 14th Jan. '99.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of Aug., 1898, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PRINZ HEINRICH," Captain O. Cippers, with MAILES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE & CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on MONDAY, the 15th August. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 2 P.M. on TUESDAY the 16th Aug. and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on TUESDAY, the 16th Aug. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than 25.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

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Hongkong, 20th July, 1898. [885]

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Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

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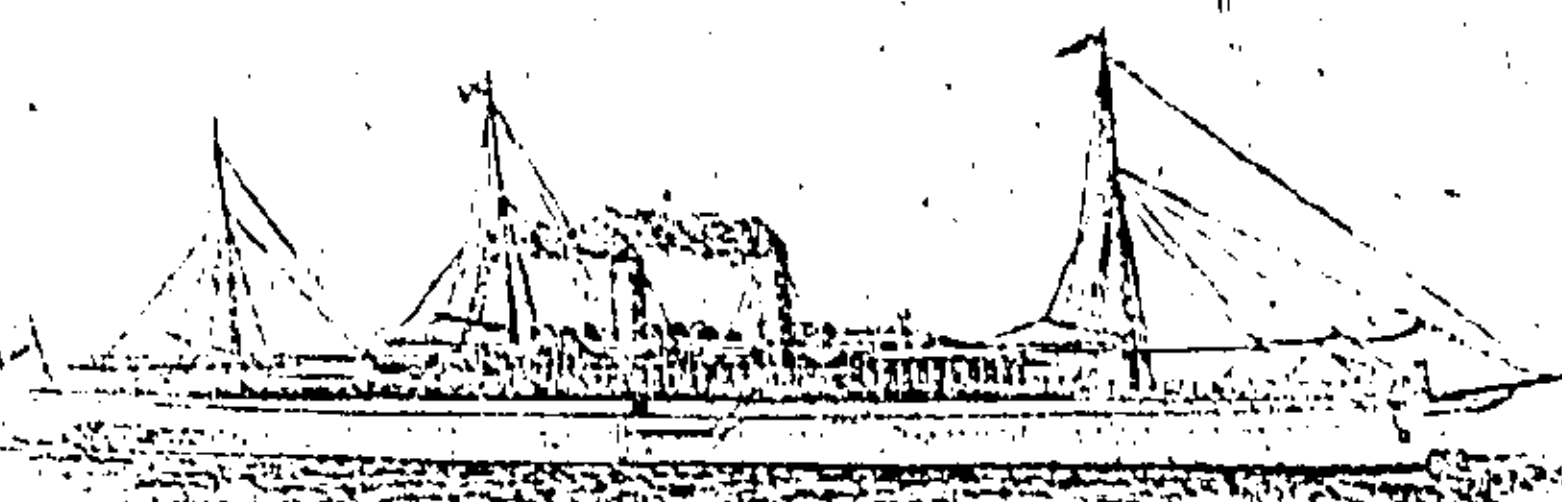
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Belle (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Tuesday, 11th Oct., at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

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For further information, as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 13th August 1898. [2]

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Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

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